

## **Information Services Board Presentation on the State Interoperability Executive Committee**

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### **Presenter**

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### **Purpose of Appearance**

The SIEC will ask the Information Services Board to:

- Approve the SIEC *Interim Statewide Public Safety Communications Systems Plan*.
- Approve the SIEC *Inventory of Statewide Public Safety Communications Systems, Phase I Report*.
- Approve the nominations for membership to the SIEC:
  - David Stern, Chief of Police, Edmonds
  - Mike McVicker, Interim Director, Department of Information Services
  - Jim Mullen, Director, Emergency Management Division, Department of the Military

The SIEC will also:

- Advise the Board of a request to appear before the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC) on September 22, 2004 to discuss the status of SIEC related activities.
- Update the Board on the status of the statewide public safety communications systems inventory and final communications plan.

### **Previous ISB Appearance**

March 18, 2004: The SIEC Chairman briefed the board on the progress the SIEC was making towards achieving its goals, joining the Spectrum Coalition, and requested approval of new nominations to serve on the SIEC. Since that date, an update was submitted to the ISB for the May 13, 2004 meeting and a briefing paper was submitted in preparation for the July 8 ISB meeting.

### **Recommendation to the Board**

ISB staff recommends that the ISB:

- Approve the SIEC *Interim Statewide Public Safety Communications Systems Plan*.
- Approve the SIEC *Inventory of Statewide Public Safety Communications Systems*.
- Approve the list of nominations to the SIEC.

## ISB Briefing Paper on the State Interoperability Executive Committee

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### Status

1. The legislation creating the State Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) identified four key deliverables to be accomplished. The SIEC has delivered the first two of these, the *Inventory of State Government-Operated Public Safety Communications Systems* and the *Interim Statewide Public Safety Communications Systems Plan*. Two deliverables remain: the inventory of all public safety communications systems in the state and the final statewide public safety communications plan.

In the process of reviewing the scope of work and securing the funding necessary to accomplish the remaining two tasks, it was determined that the public may be most efficiently served by consolidating these two activities and obtaining a contractor to perform them. The contractor would be responsible for collecting inventory data, analyzing the data, and creating a final communications plan based on recommendations that are first approved by the SIEC. Funding for this work has been obtained through a grant from the Office of Domestic Preparedness.

As of this brief, the Department of Information Services has signed a contract with Federal Engineering to complete a more comprehensive local government inventory and complete a Statewide Technical Implementation Plan. Additionally, the grant contract with the Department of the Military, acting as an agent for the Office of Domestic Preparedness, has been executed.

Prior to the Request for Proposal and contract, the SIEC completed Phase I of the local government inventory. This Phase I approach allowed the SIEC to survey agencies that represented over fifty percent of the population of our State. The contractor will conduct a second phase of this report. This additional information will provide a complete picture of the total assets of radio equipment in our State, which will be instrumental in determining the Technical Implementation Plan.

2. The SIEC requests that the Board approve *Interim Statewide Public Safety Communications Plan*. This report was sent to the Board on December 31, 2003.
3. The SIEC requests the Board approve the *Inventory of Statewide Public Safety Communications Systems, Phase I Report*. Copies of this report were sent to the Board on July 30, 2004.
4. The legislation establishing the SIEC leaves responsibility to the Board to elect members of the SIEC. There is a potential for 15 members of the SIEC, 13 of which are expressly named by organization in the legislation. Currently there are three vacancies on the SIEC. Nominations for these positions have been made as follows:
  - David Stern, Chief of Police, Edmonds
  - Mike McVicker, Interim Director, Department of Information Services
  - Jim Mullen, Director, Emergency Management Division, Department of the Military

**Background**

The SIEC became a committee of the Board July 1, 2003. In addition to the requirements outlined above the SIEC was tasked with the following:

- Make recommendations to the Board for technical standards for state wireless radio communications systems.
- Coordinate and manage, on behalf of the Board, the licensing and use of state-designated and state-licensed radio frequencies.
- Seek support including possible federal funding, or other funding, for state-sponsored wireless communications.
- Develop recommendations for legislation that promote interoperability.
- Foster cooperation and coordination among public safety and emergency response organizations.
- Work with wireless communications groups and associations to ensure interoperability among all public safety and emergency response organizations.
- Work with the wireless communications groups to promote interoperability of wireless communications.
- Be the single point of contact for the Federal Communications Commission and other agencies or organizations.